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SPIDER-WOMAN[®]

ORIGIN



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**WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN
30 YEARS AGO**

Jonathan Drew project journal
2 July

Arthropods, in forms ranging from insect to arachnid and crustacean, have lived on this earth since before Man was biologically possible.

And they will remain here long after the memory of our brief reign has faded.

Arthropods can be found in all corners of the planet, in all shapes, colors and sizes.

HELLO, LITTLE ONE.

They are the most adaptable creatures on Earth.

Arachnids account for over thirty-five thousand species of arthropod.

COME ON, BABY.

These eight-legged creatures can be found in the jungles of Africa, the deserts of Asia and even the icy tundra of Antarctica.

BIG PLANS FOR YOU.

CHUCK!

With each passing day, we come closer and closer to our goal of harnessing the arachnid's innate environmental adaptability and grafting it onto the human genome.

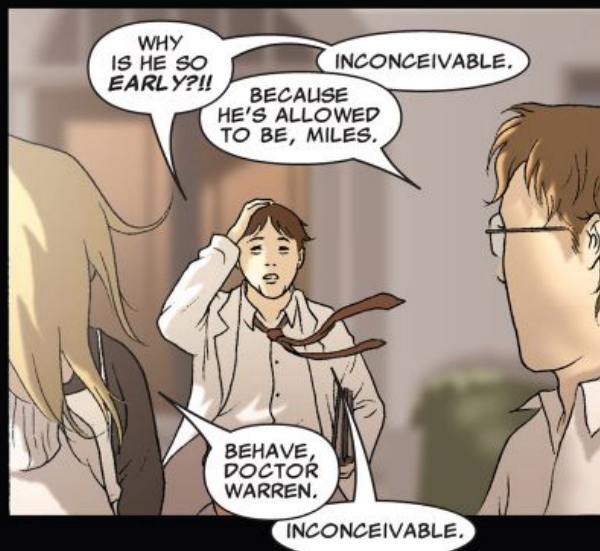
And the real breakthrough came when we moved the project...



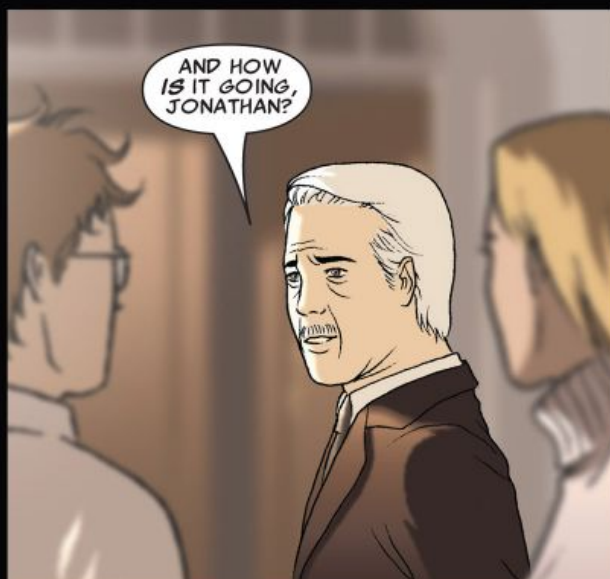
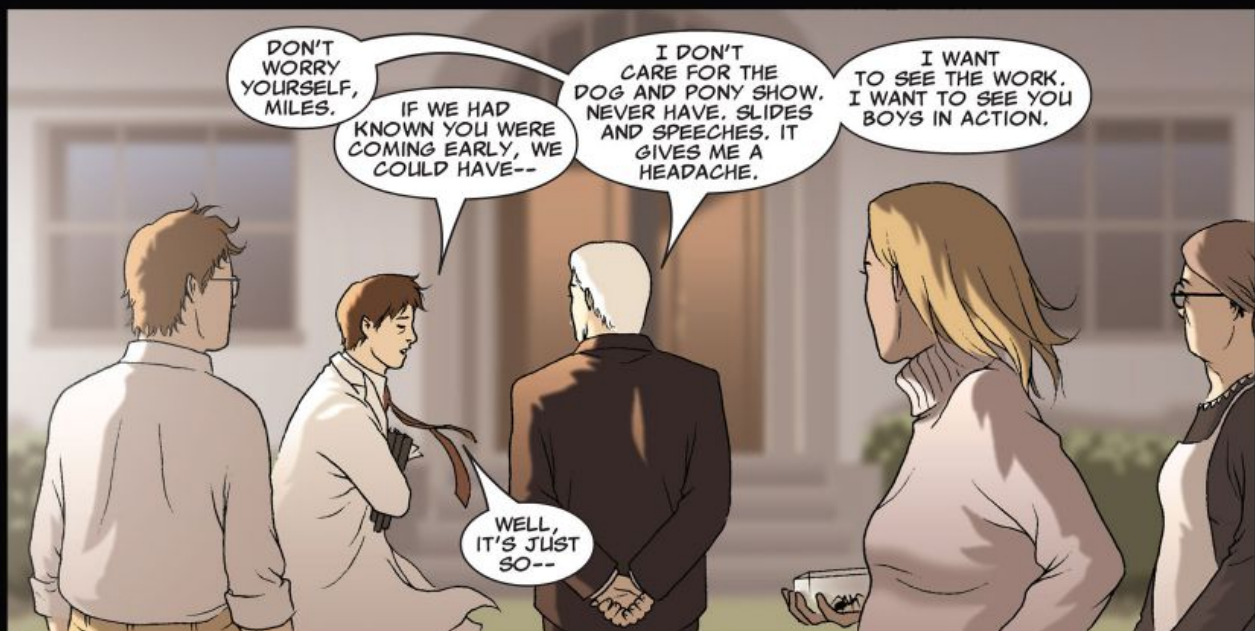
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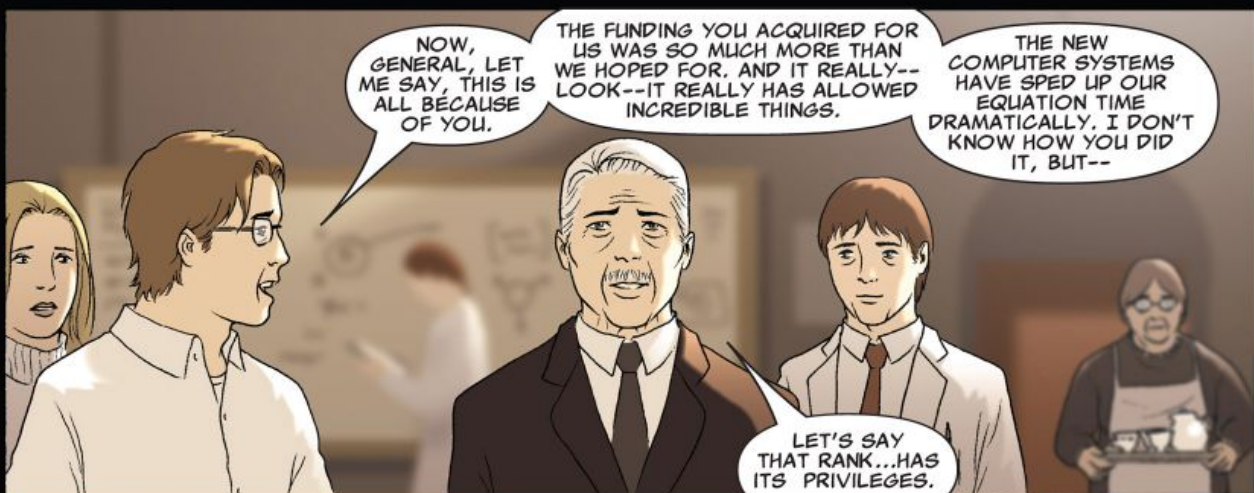


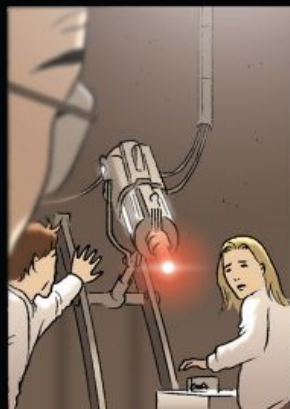
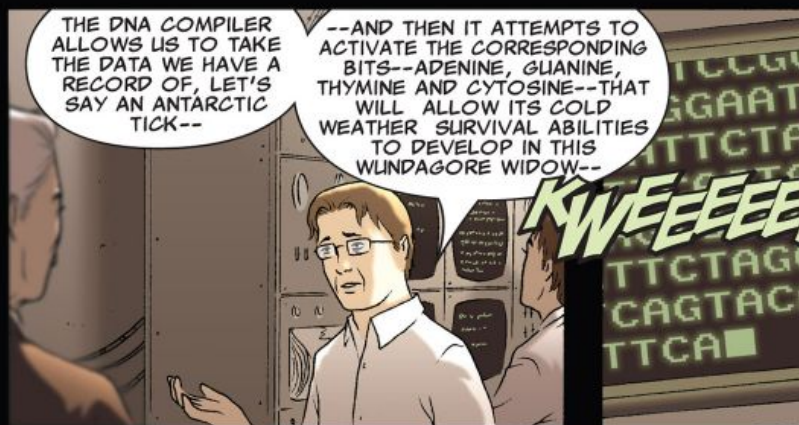
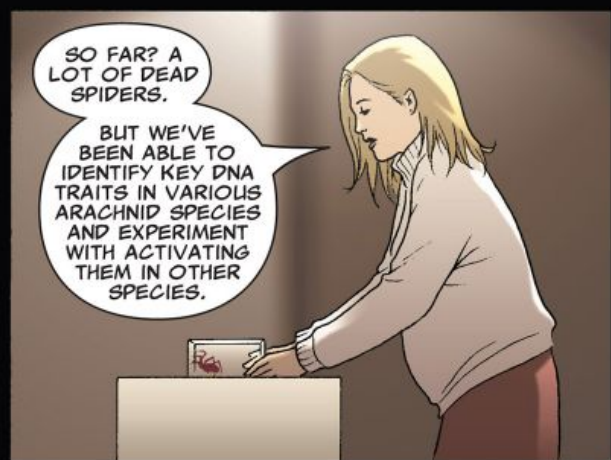
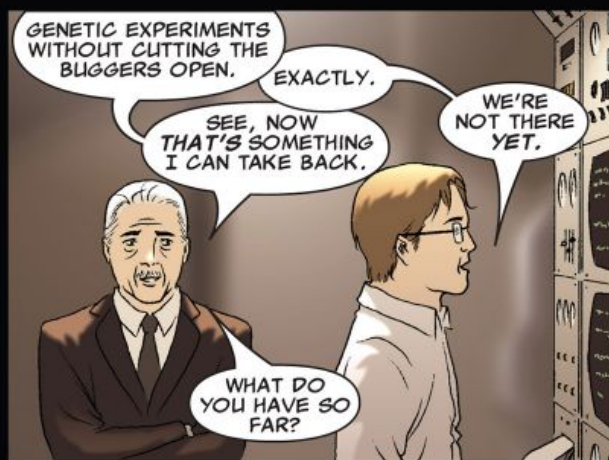
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WHUPP...WHUPP...WHUPP...WHUPP...WHUPP...









10 September

I am proud to call myself a man of science.

So now...

...I have no idea why I find myself praying...

...for my wife and daughter to survive.

I don't even know who I'm praying to.

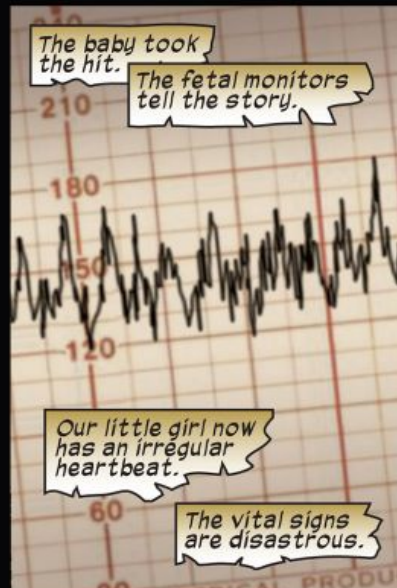


Miriam seems relatively unaffected by the accident.

Physically unaffected.

Emotionally...

The laser was designed to bathe the interior of the set target.



The baby took the hit. The fetal monitors tell the story.

Our little girl now has an irregular heartbeat.

The vital signs are disastrous.

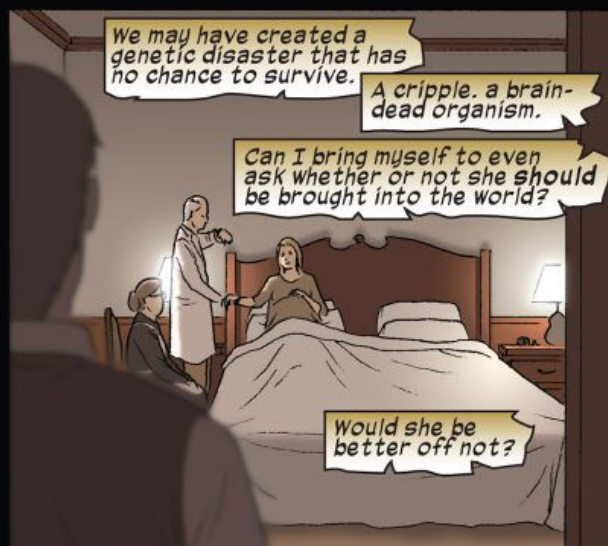


An ultrasound showed she was losing weight when she should be growing.

Even if by some miracle she lives--we don't have any idea what shape she'll come into this world.

That's not true--we have some idea--

--but it's not promising.



We may have created a genetic disaster that has no chance to survive.

A cripple. a brain-dead organism.

Can I bring myself to even ask whether or not she should be brought into the world?

Would she be better off not?



Miriam is stronger than I am.

Her confidence in our daughter is unwavering.

She's wrong.

December 7.

A miracle?

Jessica Miriam Drew
was born this morning,
just after dawn.

At a weight of just
over 3 kilograms,
Jessica is perfectly
healthy.

Her heartbeat
is normal.

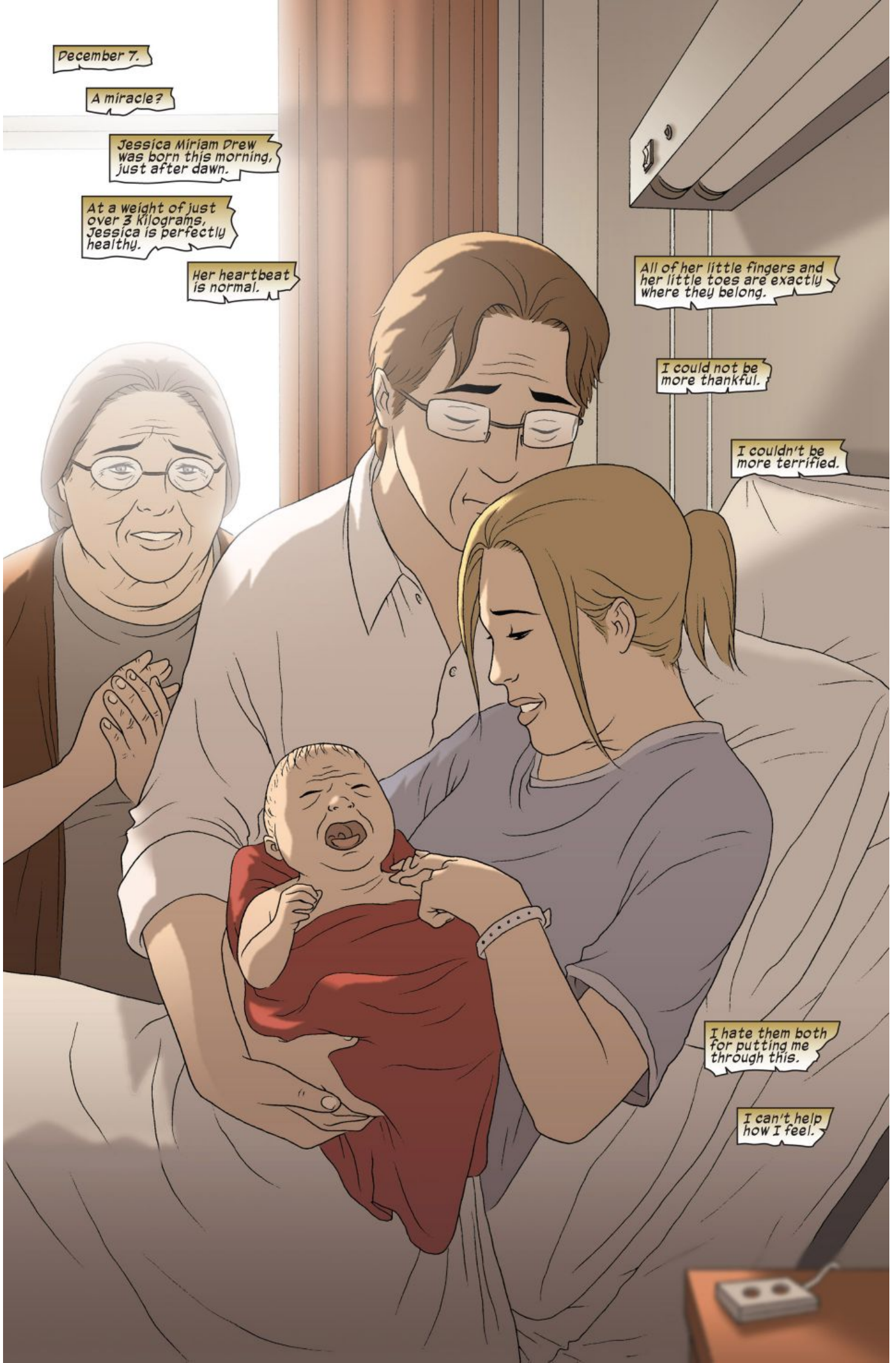
All of her little fingers and
her little toes are exactly
where they belong.

I could not be
more thankful.

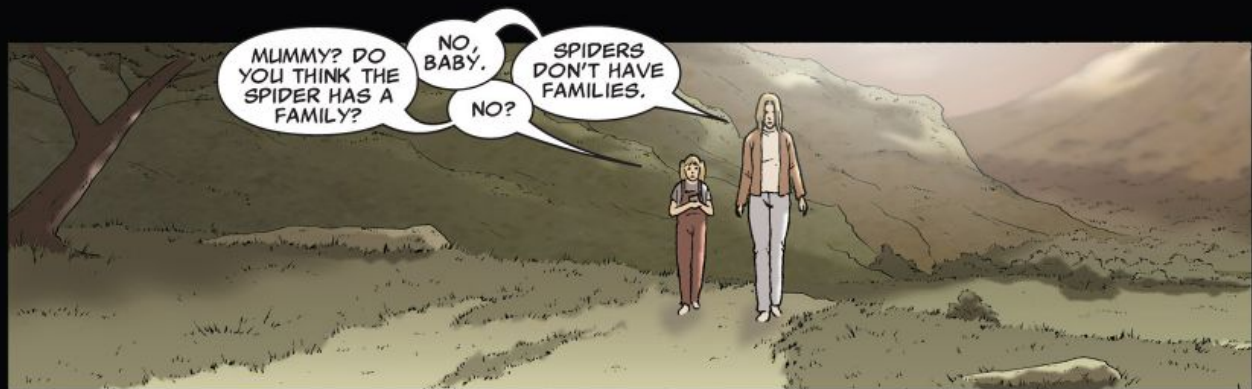
I couldn't be
more terrified.

I hate them both
for putting me
through this.

I can't help
how I feel.







YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HER, JONATHAN. IT WAS INCREDIBLE.

BUT SHE WAS JUST HOLDING IT, INSPECTING IT.

THE WUNDAGORE WIDOW BITES IF YOU SO MUCH AS LOOK AT IT FUNNY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LET HER HANDLE A POISONOUS SPIDER.

I DIDN'T LET HER DO ANYTHING! THE CHILD REACHED INTO THE BOX BEFORE I--



YOU TOOK A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL ON A SPECIMEN COLLECTING MISSION FOR ONE OF THE MOST POISONOUS SPIDERS ON EARTH!



MY FATHER DID THE SAME KIND OF THING WITH ME WHEN I WAS HER AGE. IT'S HOW I--

THEN YOUR FATHER WAS AN IDIOT.



WATCH IT!

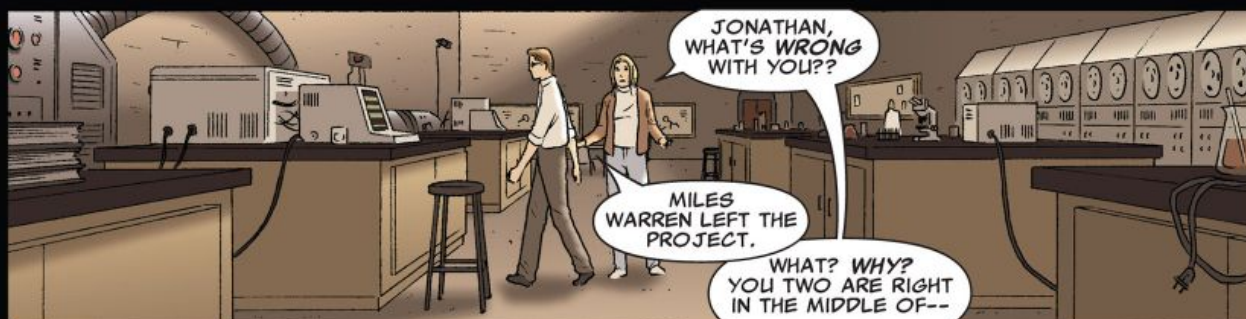
IN THE FUTURE--REFRAIN FROM TAKING MY DAUGHTER ON YOUR--

YOU DON'T TALK TO ME THAT WAY.

--LITTLE FIELD TRIPS AND I'LL--

YOU DON'T--

QUIET!!



JONATHAN, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU??

MILES WARREN LEFT THE PROJECT.

WHAT? WHY? YOU TWO ARE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF--



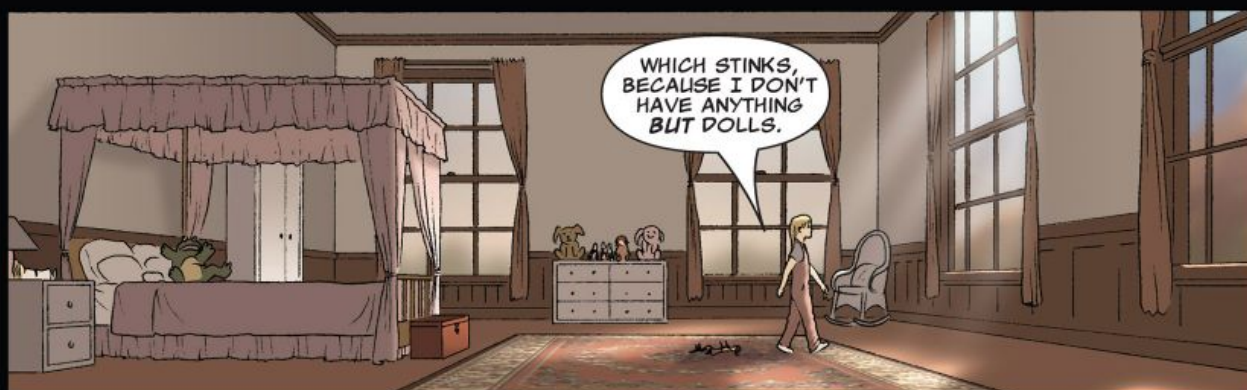
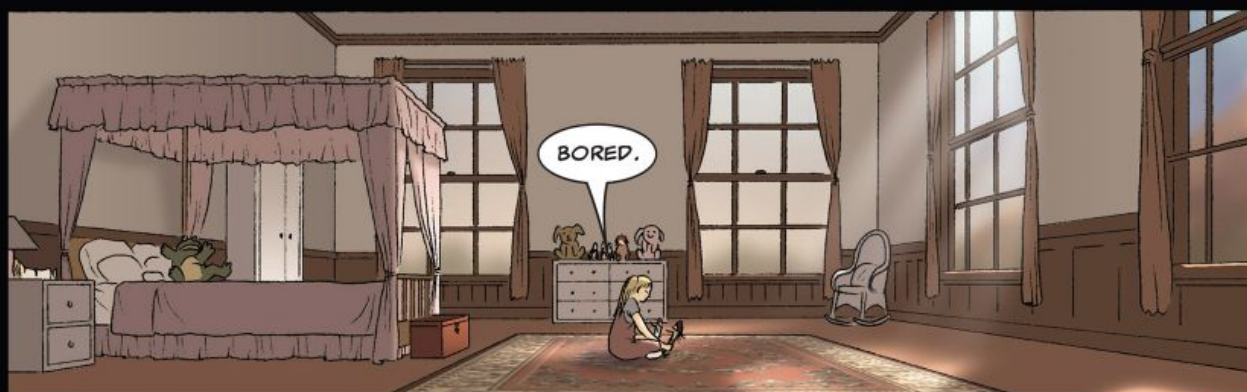
BECAUSE HE WANTED TO DO THINGS THE WAY HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE DONE!

HE WANTED TO EXPLORE THE CLONING ANGLE MORE AND FOCUS LESS ON REAL TIME DNA ALTERATION.

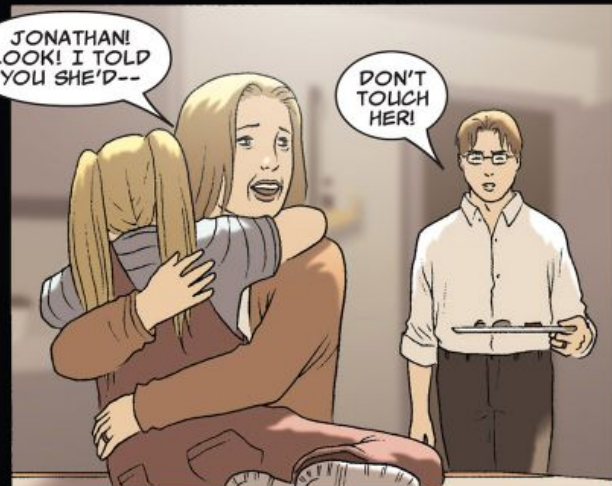
BUT--



AND DON'T YOU THINK OUR DAUGHTER HAS BEEN PUT IN ENOUGH DANGER BECAUSE OF YOU??







2 June

I don't know what to do.

A decade of my life is slipping away. My work is inconclusive.



The last of the lab staff quit today. We were so close.

I am the only one left.

Even Miriam has stopped coming to the lab.

I cannot summon the courage to inform General Wyndham of the situation.

And now Jessica.



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I ran Jessica's blood through the standard battery of tests.

Everything came back normal.

Even though, clearly, it isn't.

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So I run it through our project tests.

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I do it because I don't know what else to do.

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MATCH FOUND

PING!

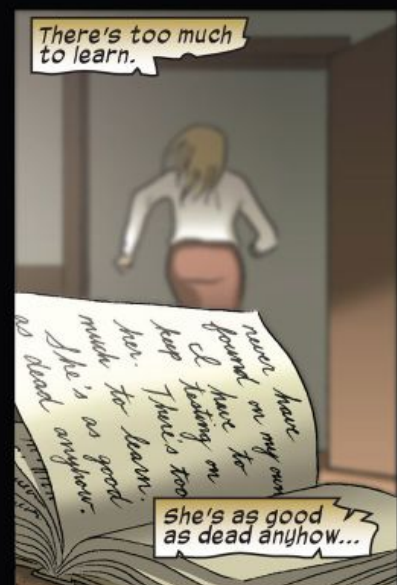


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MATCH FOUND -

WUNDAGORE WIDOW





PLEASE,
NO. I ALWAYS
FEEL WORSE
AFTER--

IT'S
JUST SIDE
EFFECTS. IT
WON'T LAST
LONG.



OH...

JESSICA, THIS
IS VERY IMPORTANT.
YOU JUST NEED
TO--

GET AWAY
FROM HER, YOU
BASTARD!



GET
AWAY FROM
HER!



JESSICA,
YOU COME
BACK
HERE!

MUMMY!??



WHAT
IS WRONG
NOW??

I SAW YOUR
JOURNAL--



WHAT IS
WRONG WITH
YOU????



SHE'S THE KEY,
MIRIAM! THE KEY TO
EVERYTHING!

HER DNA
ISN'T NORMAL. SHE
CHANGED BEFORE SHE
WAS BORN! DON'T
YOU SEE?!?!

SHE'S THE
ANSWER!!



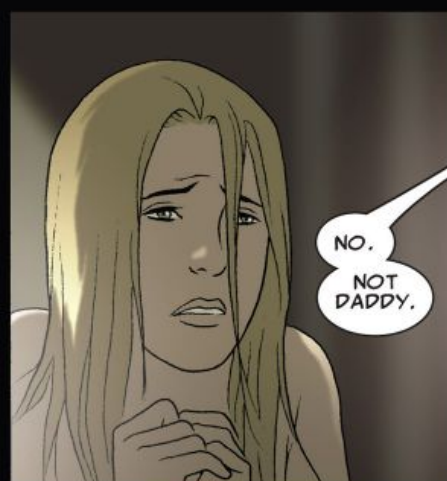
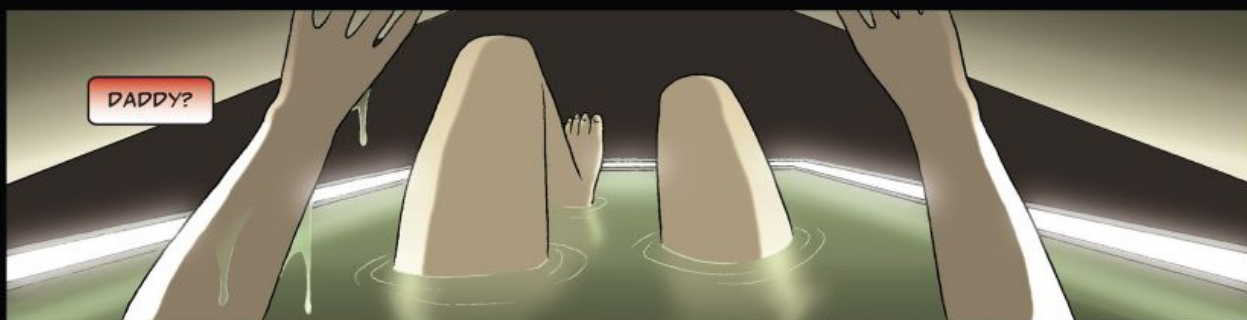
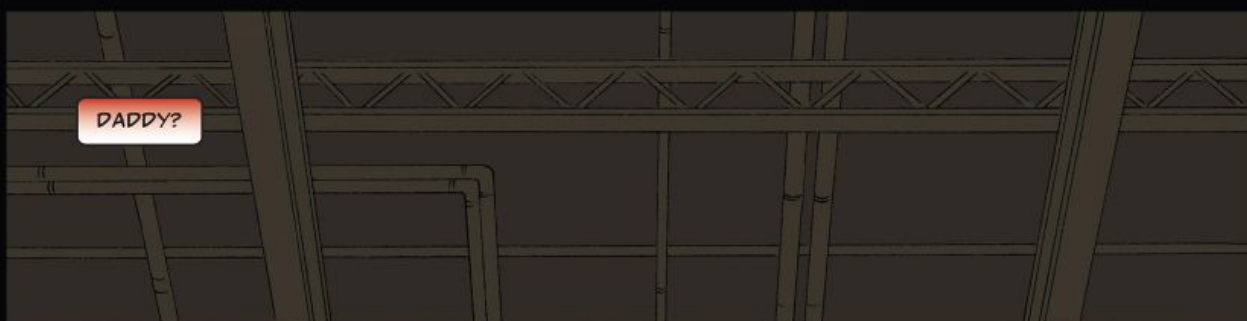
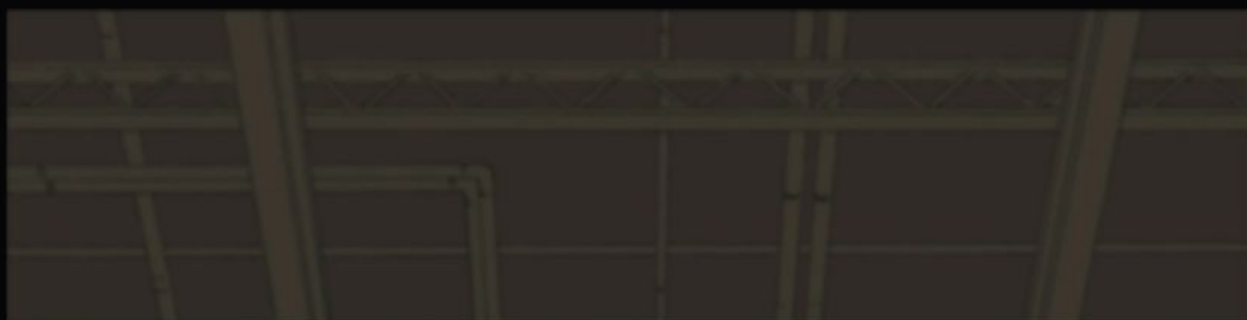
SHE'S A
LITTLE GIRL!
YOUR LITTLE
GIRL!

RUN,
BABY!
RUN AND
HIDE!

SHE'S
EVERYTHING I
NEED FOR MY
RESEARCH! SHE'S
PROOF THAT I WAS
ON THE RIGHT
TRACK!









TO BE CONTINUED...